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For : CAMERA SYSTEM HAVING A COMMUNICATION SYSTEM BETWEEN A CAMERA BODY AND PHOTOGRAPHING LENS

Examiner : Arthur Smith

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 in the above-captioned application.

- Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- A Request for Extension of Time.
- No Additional Fee.

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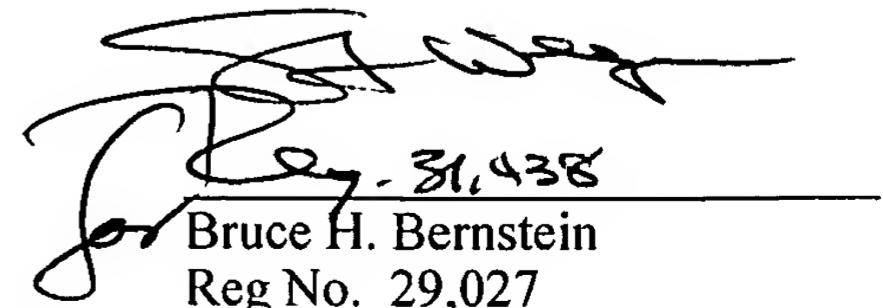
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 12, 2003, in which the three-month shortened statutory period for responding thereto runs to June 12, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Office Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel, without prejudice, claim 2.

Please amend the claims in the manner indicated below. A marked up copy of the claims is attached hereto as "APPENDIX A - MARKED UP CLAIMS".

Please amend claim 1, as follows:

1 (Amended). An interchangeable lens camera system having a camera body, a photographing lens, and a rear converter which can be mounted between said camera body